

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4228
ANSWERED ON:21.08.2000
USE OF OXYTOSIN IN VEGETABLES
RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned 'Oxytosin Injection Ki Bikri Par Rok Ki Maang' appearing in Rajasthan Patrika dated May 3, 2000;
- (b) whether the oxytosin is being used now in vegetables;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the side effects of this chemical on the health of human beings; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to ban the use of this chemical in agriculture and horticulture?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. RITA VERMA)

- (a) to (e): The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.